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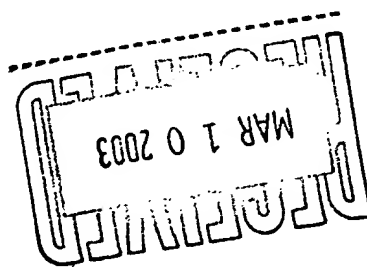
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

The listed documents were cited in an European Search Report dated November 26, 2002 in a related European patent application. A copy of the European Search Report is attached hereto.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.



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M. Shozakai et al., "A Non-Iterative Model-Adaptive E-CMN/PMC Approach for Speech Recognition in Car Environments," 5th European Conference on Speech Communication and Technology, <i>Eurospeech '97</i> , Vol. 1 of 5, September 22-25, 1997, pp. 287-290. (Abstract)

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